

REMARKS

The restriction requirement dated December 16, 2008 holds that this application contains claims directed to two (2) patentably distinct inventions. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following patentably distinct groups for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I – Claims 1-26; and

Group II – Claims 27-28.

The claims in Group I are directed to an apparatus. The claims in Group II are directed to a method of using an apparatus.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect the Group I, claims 1-26 for examination on the merits without traverse. Claims 27 and 28 are believed to be directed to a non-elected embodiment. Thus, claims 27-28 can be withdrawn from consideration in this case. However, Applicants respectfully request that these non-elected claims be considered upon the allowance of a generic claim in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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